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**Decision Dismissing Petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c)**  
*The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized*

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application, for which a faxed copy of the original petition was received on April 15, 2004.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized because the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not received in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.

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